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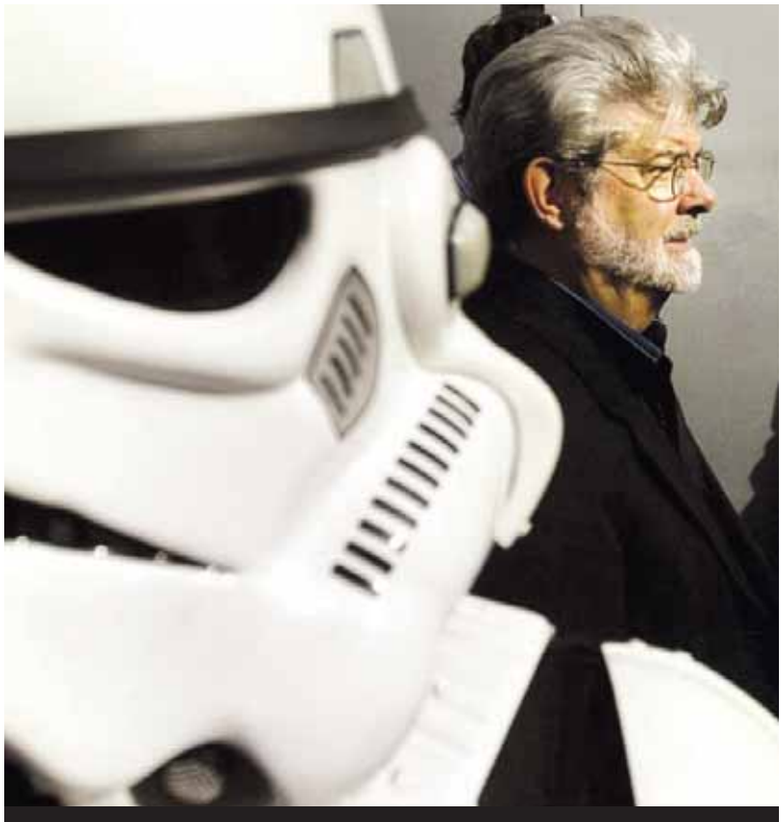

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Lucasfilm, the film-production company founded by George Lucas, background, seen at the last Star Wars benefit premiere in 2005, was sold to Disney for $4 billion US Tuesday, and a new Star Wars movie is planned for 2015. Story, page 15. NOAH BERGER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Don't bring us 'crap,' mayor tells developers

Contentious words. City needs to streamline its application process, but developers need to 'bring their best game' when applying: Mayor

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Developers who complain that the city's approval process takes too long should first look in the mirror and stop submitting "crap" applications that don't conform to city guidelines, Mayor Naheed Nenshi said Tuesday.

"You cannot come, as the industry, and say to us, 'It takes too long for me to get my approvals,' if you're bringing us crap," the mayor said in response to a question after his annual City Status Report on Tuesday.

Nenshi spent the bulk of the event, hosted by the Calgary Chamber of Commerce, extolling the virtues of Calgary — everything from its improved resident satisfaction to the quality of its police service to the city serving "as a beacon" to newcomers looking for opportunity.

But during post-speech questions he opted to take the parting shot at some developers, whom he noted are in the minority but still common.

Michael Flynn, executive director of Urban Development Institute (UDI) Calgary, was perplexed by the mayor's comments.

"I'm surprised he would say something like that, even though he seems to have some disdain for the development community every now and then," Flynn said.

"I don't think it's helpful and it's frankly untrue."

Flynn said "there needs to be better communication" on both sides, but added that many developers are frustrated by what they perceive as obscure interpretations of relatively new guidelines by often inexperienced city staff.

"You just never know how long it's going to take or why your application may have been held up," Flynn said. "It's no longer as cut-and-dried as it used to be, back in the good old days."

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Collective bargaining. New teacher contract expected Wednesday

Negotiators continued to hammer out a new labour deal for Alberta teachers on the eve of a self-imposed deadline, an official said.

Carol Henderson, president of the Alberta Teachers' Association, said the biggest issue from her vantage point remains that teachers are taking on more responsibilities with fewer supports.

Nevertheless, she expected a formal announcement of a new contract sometime on Wednesday.

"We should have something tomorrow — I will be surprised if we don't," she said Tuesday morning. "I am meeting with the minister tomorrow and we have heard the premier is expecting a deal on her desk tomorrow."

If talks do break down, the alternative would be to move to local bargaining with school boards. But Henderson said that could make things difficult on teachers working for rural boards, many of which do so without workload and hour restrictions.

In some cases, Henderson said studies have found rural educators log up to 60 hours of work per week.

Jacquie Hanson of the Alberta School Boards Association, which is involved in contract talks, said she's "optimistic" a deal will be reached, but wasn't certain it would happen on Wednesday.

"We're still in meetings and we sort of take it day-to-day," she said.

Education Minister Jeff Johnson was unavailable for comment on Tuesday.

JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Calgarians happy with life — and especially value for taxes: Survey

Calgarians are happier with their lot than they have been in years, a recent survey suggests, but what really sets the city apart is a common belief that residents are getting good value for their tax dollars.

"Things are going very well," Mayor Naheed Nenshi said on Tuesday, as he unveiled the results of the city's 2012 Citizen Satisfaction Survey. "Unsurprisingly, people are very happy to be in Calgary."

Eighty-eight per cent of citizens said the quality of life in Calgary is "good," up from 83 per cent in 2011.

Ninety-five per cent gave the city a positive rating for overall performance, up from 84 per cent in 2009.

Jamie Duncan of polling firm Ipsos Reid, which carried out the survey, said those numbers are "on par" with other Canadian cities.

"The value for tax money is really where it's different," Duncan said of Calgary's results.

In cities across Canada, the percentage of citizens who feel they're getting good value for property taxes is typically in the "high 40s," Duncan said, whereas in Calgary, 62 per cent felt that way.

Ipsos Reid spoke to 1,000 Calgarians between Aug. 22 and Sept. 6. The survey has a margin of error of 3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

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Jamie Duncan of Ipsos Reid and Mayor Naheed Nenshi announce results of the survey on Tuesday. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

Police probe suspicious death in Bridgeland

Mayhem at the scene. Police say they received a terse 911 call reporting an assault

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Homicide investigators are working to piece together the details of an incident that led to a man's death in the community of Bridgeland on Tuesday afternoon.

Duty Insp. Patty McCallum said police were called to the home in the 200 block of 11 Street N.E. at about 2:30 p.m., after receiving reports of an assault.

Upon arrival, officers found a man dead in the home, but "due to the dynamics of the situation," they moved him outside, McCallum said.

"The officers felt it was safer to bring the victim out than for EMS to come inside."

A police officer covers a man's body with a tarp on Tuesday at the corner of 1st Avenue and 11th Street N.E. The homicide squad is investigating the death. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

Witnesses were taken in for questioning and McCallum said one person may have fled the scene. She was unable to say if the victim or the home were previously known to police.

Neighbours said they often heard shouting and saw parties being held at the house.

"There are always shady characters coming in and out of there," said one neighbour, who who declined to identify herself. "(Otherwise), this neighbourhood's pretty good."

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Police investigation

- An autopsy will be completed on Wednesday.
- If the death is declared a homicide, it would be Calgary's 15th this year.

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Violations. Five parties facing charges related to faulty condo work

The City of Calgary laid numerous charges on Tuesday against five parties involved with faulty construction at Rocky Mountain Court that forced numerous residents and businesses from the downtown condo complex this summer.

"We finally reached a point where these charges could be moved forward on," chief building official Kevin Griffiths said.

Work on the building's parkade began in 2011 but was only brought to the city's attention in May, Griffiths said, leading to an order to vacate four levels of the building in July for safety reasons.

The city charged five groups with seven violations of the Safety Codes Act of Alberta, including: Maverick Condominium Property Management, Williams Engineering, Durwest Construction Systems, Champion Concrete Cutting, and the condominium owners for Rocky Mountain Court.

Griffiths said owners are included because they are ultimately responsible for "obtaining permits and permissions" for construction work, which didn't happen in this case.

Faulty construction

The charges include:

- **Parkade.** Causing damage to the parkade, failing to properly support the damaged structure, and failing to prevent public access after the damage occurred.
- **Failure to notify.** Failing to notify businesses, employees and the public of the compromised parkade and failing to notify authorities.
- **Permits.** Failing to obtain proper work permits and failing to prevent the public from accessing the area after the structural damage occurred.

Reena Vadan, who owned a restaurant that was forced from the building, was pleased to hear about the charges being laid against all the parties. "Everybody has been playing the blame game," she said.

Each charge can carry a maximum $15,000 fine.

ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

New Year's murder. Third man sentenced in Bolsa Restaurant shooting

A third man has been sentenced to life in prison in relation to a 2009 New Year's Day homicide.

Real Honorio, 29, was sentenced to life in prison with no chance of parole for 25 years.

Honorio was previously found guilty in March in the murders of Sanjeev Mann, Aaron Bendle and bystander Keni Su'a at the Bolsa Restaurant in southeast Calgary on Jan. 1, 2009. The defence later applied for a mistrial following new evidence that a key witness confessed to the murders.

The application was dismissed, however, by Court of Queen's Bench Justice Glen Poelman Tuesday and the sentence was handed down.

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Gang dispute

- **Guilty.** Nathan Zuccherato and Michael Roberto have also been found guilty of first-degree murder in the Bolsa shooting.
- **Feud.** The shooting was a result of a feud between Calgary gangs Fresh Off The Boat and FOB Killers.

Literary elite. City author Will Ferguson lands coveted Giller prize

Calgary's Will Ferguson has won the $50,000 Scotiabank Giller Prize for his novel 419.

The book — about an email scam — marks a more serious turn for Ferguson, known for his humor and travel writing.

Ferguson ended his acceptance speech at the black-tie gala by saying he wanted to raise a toast to the written word.

His book beat out titles by Montreal-bred authors Nancy Richler, Alix Ohlin and Kim Thuy (twee). Rounding out the shortlist was Russell Wangersky of St. John's.

The Giller Prize was established in 1994 by businessman Jack Rabinovitch in honour of his late wife, literary journalist Doris Giller.

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Giller Prize winner Will Ferguson
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Sliding-scale fares could cost Calgary Transit $7M

Debate coming.

Committee to consider proposal for low-income residents next week

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Calgary Transit is projecting annual revenues could take a $7-million hit if city council opts to approve a soon-to-be-pitched discounted fare system for low-income riders.

But Colleen Huston with the group Fair Fares, which helped draft the proposal, questioned how the numbers were calculated and said approving the scale is far more important than the service's bottom line.

"I think let's just get people where they need to go," Huston said. "I think this a chance for Calgarians to stand up for something that's fair."

The model being pitched to a city committee Nov. 7 would rely on transit rider's income and would apply to anyone who earns less than the federal benchmark Low Income Cut Off, which currently sits at roughly $23,300.

Huston said her group would like to see even those closest to the LICO receive a 50 per cent discount on bus passes, and the savings would continually increase for those earning less.

But Calgary Transit spokesperson Ron Collins said the system currently has no plans to add on new discounts for riders.

"We're challenged as it is providing service for our customers — $7 million is a lot of money," he said Tuesday.

Ald. Diane Colley-Urquhart pointed out that scrapping transit's $3 park-and-ride fee last spring cost the system $6 million, and other funding struggles have been reported when it comes to servicing outlying areas in the city.

She said she would like to see the province step up to partner with the city subsidizing transportation for low-income citizens.

"I certainly understand where they (advocates) are coming from, but it's sort of a tough time to bring this forward now as we're entering into budget discussions and it's already a tight budget."

Discount

- **Currently.** Calgary Transit offers a discounted monthly bus pass for those earning up to 75 per cent of the federally set low-income cutoff. Those who qualify will pay $40 a month.
- **Family pass.** Fair Fares would also like to see Calgary Transit establish a discounted family pass for adults travelling with their kids.

Advocates will go before a city committee next week to vouch for a sliding-scale system for Calgary Transit fares. METRO FILE

Caught on tape

Cops to sport body-worn cameras in November

Calgary police will begin testing 50 body-worn cameras on officers from a variety of units next month. Deputy Chief Trevor Daroux informed Calgary Police Commission members Tuesday afternoon that the service is in the process of purchasing Panasonic devices that will use the same back-end software as cameras currently being installed in all police cruisers.

"We have gotten very positive feedback from the Crown," he said.

A cost for the pilot project is still being determined, Daroux said.

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Laying her to rest

Funeral set for homicide victim

Friends and family of Lacey Jones-McKnight have made plans to lay her to rest.

The 20-year-old was found dead Thursday evening. Her ex-boyfriend, Kristopher (Tray) Guenther, has been charged with second-degree murder.

According to an obituary, a funeral for Jones-McKnight is planned for Centre Street Church, located at 3900 — 2nd Street N.E. on Thursday at 1 p.m. Prior to that, a visitation will be held at Foster's Garden Chapel, located at 3220 — 4th Street N.W., on Wednesday at 4 p.m.

The victim's mother, Shelly Jones, is fundraising for domestic-violence awareness initiatives. METRO

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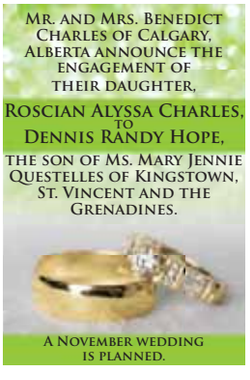
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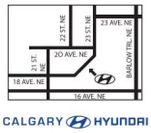

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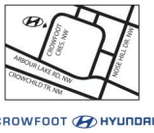

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Is this funny to you? Some Calgary comedians and radio hosts don't think so. A car lies buried in sand and debris in Long Beach, N.Y., on Tuesday, a day after Superstorm Sandy's landfall. The storm caused multiple fatalities, halted mass transit and cut power to more than six million homes and businesses.

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Some Sandy jokes are not so funny

Frankenstorm humour fail. Calgary radio host/blogger not chuckling

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Twitter and Facebook have been awash in Hurricane Sandy tweets and posts for the past few days.

Amid the news links and the calls for prayers and "good vibes" for the Eastern Seaboard are jokes, memes, sarcastic remarks and other humorous observations regarding the so-called superstorm.

But some people are questioning whether cracking jokes in a time of crisis like this is appropriate.

Canadian comedian Will Sasso tweeted on Monday night that "only people affected by Sandy can write snarky hurricane tweets," while local blogger and media commentator Buzz Bishop asked his Twitter followers to stop retweeting fake hurricane accounts making light of the storm.

"None of the fake hurricane/superstorm accounts are funny," he tweeted. "This is real life, not a meme."

Bishop says he was referring mostly to the Twitter account @HurricanneSandy, which sent out a series of outrageous and somewhat explicit tweets, including one that read, "No, I didn't get herpes from passing through the Jersey Shore."

"I saw reasonable people retweeting this one," said Bishop."

"The tone was just so off .... You have to be clever. Unless you do it properly, you can be very offensive. If you don't do it right, it can come out very wrong."

Calgary standup comedian Daryl Makk says superstorm jokes are to be expected.

"Humour gives people a sense of superiority over tragedy if they can find something to laugh at," he explains. "Laughing relieves stress."

But he also agrees with Bishop that there are ways to be humorous without offending those affected by the disaster.

"It's not an easy line to balance, so a comic would have to be very confident of the joke before delivering."

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Storm aftermath ‘a devastating sight right now’

Tough road ahead. Sandy will end up causing about $20B in property damage and $10B-$30B more in lost business: Global Insight

The most destructive storm in decades to hit the most densely populated U.S. region cut off modern communication and left millions without power Tuesday, as thousands who fled their waterlogged homes wondered when — if — life would return to normal.

A weakening Sandy, the hurricane-turned-fearsome -superstorm, killed at least 50 people, many hit by falling trees, and still wasn’t finished. It inched inland across Pennsylvania, ready to bank toward western New York state to dump more of its water and likely cause more havoc Tuesday night.

“Nature,” said New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, assessing the damage to his city, “is an awful lot more powerful than we are.”

More than 8.2 million households were without power in 17 states as far west as Michigan.

One of the most dramatic tales came from lower Manhattan, where a failed backup generator forced New York University’s Langone Medical Center to relocate more than 200 patients, including 20 babies from neonatal intensive care. Dozens of ambulances lined up in the rainy night and the tiny patients were gingerly moved out, some attached to battery-powered respirators as gusts of wind blew their blankets.

What damage could be seen on the coastline Tuesday was, in some locations, staggering. “Unthinkable,” New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie said of what unfolded along the Jersey Shore, where houses were swept from their foundations and amusement park rides were washed into the ocean.

“It is beyond anything I thought I’d ever see. It is a devastating sight right now.”

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Witness

“Everybody knew it was coming. Unfortunately, it was everything they said it was.”

Sal Novello, a construction executive, who rode out the storm with his wife, Lori, in the Long Island town of Lindenhurst, and ended up with 2.1 metres of water in the basement

Brian Hajeski, 41, reacts as he looks at debris of a home that washed up onto the Mantoloking Bridge on Tuesday, the morning

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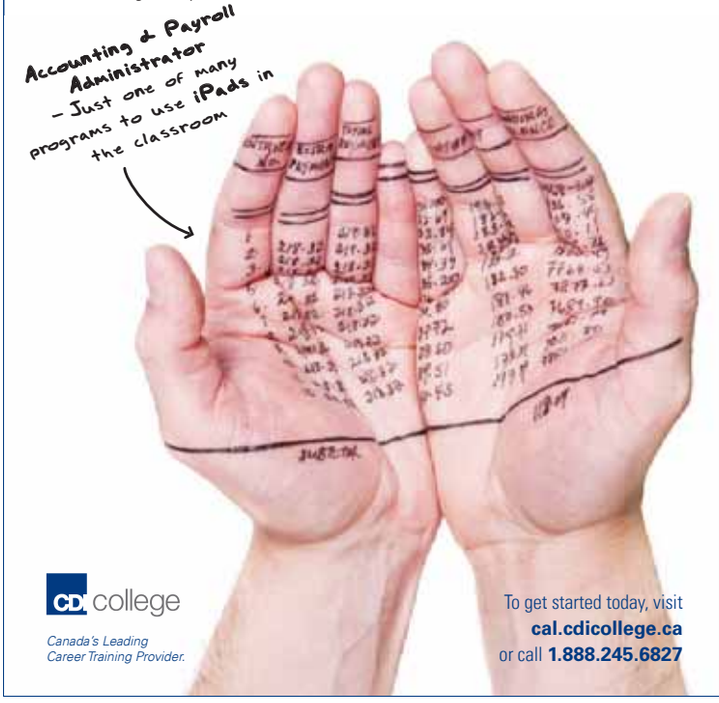

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Transportation halted

ETA on subway fix still unknown

The floodwaters that poured into New York's deepest subway tunnels may pose the biggest obstacle to the city's recovery. Corrosive salt water could have destroyed essential switches, lights, turnstiles and the power-conducting third rail. Several tunnels that carry trains beneath the East River remained flooded Tuesday. The head of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority said it was too early to tell how long it would take to pump them dry and make repairs.

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'Tasteless' comment

Tweet so not PC

President's Choice has apologized for an "insensitive" tweet about Hurricane Sandy that has left many Canadians with a bad taste.

The private label of Loblaw posted Tuesday: "What's scarier? Hurricane #Sandy or a beverage with marshmallow eyeballs?"

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Paranormal activity

Feel like a Halloween scare? We take a look at the spookiest places in some Metro cities across Canada. For more cities and extended stories, visit metronews.ca

Edmonton

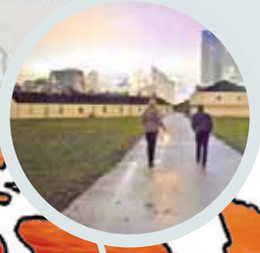
The McKay Avenue School is Edmonton's oldest brick schoolhouse, and it is reportedly haunted by a construction worker who fell from the roof while building an addition in 1912.

Regina

Tales of moving chairs and the sounds of footsteps are just regular occurrences at Government House. The 100-year-old residence has been used for everything from spectacular royal parties to an infirmary for Second World War veterans, and is said to be haunted by a former cook.

Toronto

Fort York was the site of a bloody battle back in 1813 and today, there have been many sightings of slain soldiers wandering the fort.



Halifax

The Five Fisherman Restaurant is known for its great food and ambience, but some swear its building from the 1800s is home to ghosts. Staff stories include glasses flying off shelves with no one around and cutlery on tables moving then falling to the floor. There is even the story of a server being patted on the shoulder, only to turn around and see no one there.

Calgary

Popular downtown watering hole the Rose and Crown was formerly a funeral home. The pub is believed to be home to multiple ghosts, including a young boy who reportedly died there.

Saskatoon

The Nutana Cemetery was where the first settlers of Saskatoon buried their loved ones, with the first recorded burial happening in 1884. It is said that on cold, dark nights, you can hear children crying.

Ottawa

A spectral presence in a hotel room and eerie singing in a winding staircase prompt history buffs to explore the spooky tale of the owner of the Chateau Laurier, who perished on the Titanic.

Vancouver

Benedictine monks, a fake archbishop who hid a criminal past and several orphaned children are said to haunt the grounds of Ceperley House and the James Cowan Theatre in Burnaby, B.C.

Winnipeg

The Manitoba Museum has many artifacts from different time periods — and rumoured spirits attached to those artifacts, drawing the attention of paranormal researchers.

London, Ont.

Eldon House is one of London's oldest homes and is said to be haunted by Wenman Wynniatt, who died on his way to meet his love there. Legend has it he returned from the afterlife immediately after his sudden death to say goodbye to his lady.

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Not the blogs! Flooding takes out HuffPo

Data centres down. Superstorm Sandy shuts Internet facilities in downtown Manhattan, affecting popular sites

Flooded data centres in downtown Manhattan brought down Gawker, Huffington Post and many popular New York-based blogs Tuesday while phone and cable companies were scrambling to assess damage and restore service in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy.

News and gossip site Gawker.com was still down in the afternoon, but Huffington Post was back online. Their webhost, Datagram Inc. said power was out, and flooding in their basement was preventing their backup generators from pumping fuel. Internet connectivity from three providers was also down.

Verizon Communications Inc., the biggest phone company in the region, said some facilities in downtown Manhattan are flooded, shutting down phone and Internet service.

Renesys Corp., which monitors the pathways of the Internet, said the storm caused major outages in New Jersey and New York. The city is a major transit point for international telecommunications traffic, and the firm said carriers were scrambling to route traffic around it.

Cablevision Systems Corp., which serves parts of Long Island, New York City and New Jersey, says it experienced widespread outages due to the loss of power.

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Stock exchange closed for second day

The streets surrounding the New York Stock Exchange are deserted Tuesday as financial markets remained closed for the second day due to Superstorm Sandy. Trading has rarely stopped for weather. A blizzard led to a late start and an early close on Jan. 8, 1996, according to the exchange's parent company, NYSE Euronext. The NYSE shut down on Sept. 27, 1985, for Hurricane Gloria. The exchange is expected to reopen Wednesday for regular trading. RICHARD DREW/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Calgary

TransCanada plants survive Sandy's wrath

TransCanada says its power generating operations in the northeastern U.S. made it through Superstorm Sandy in good shape. The firm's president of energy and oil pipelines says the Ravenswood Power Plant in New York City churned out electricity throughout Monday night. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Maps app

Apple asks iPhone software exec to resign

The head of Apple's iPhone software development was asked to resign after he refused to sign a letter apologizing for the flaws in Apple's mapping application, according to a published report.

The Wall Street Journal says Scott Forstall's refusal was the latest clash between him and other executives, and it led to the company's announcement Monday that he is stepping down and leaving the company next year. Forstall's unit was responsible for the Maps application, which was unfavourably compared to the Google Maps app it replaced. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Scott Forstall, senior VP of iPhone software AP FILE

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WHAT'S GIVING YOU GOOSEBUMPS THIS HALLOWEEN

JUST SAYIN'
Paul Sullivan
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Happy Halloween, the scariest day of the year. And if you think it's all fake blood, makeup and masks, this list of the Seven Scariest Things Happening Right Now will wipe that silly zombie grin off your face.

1 **Mother Nature gone wild.** Earthquakes and tsunamis on the West Coast; Perfect Storm Sandy on the East Coast. Why has Gaia gone gaga? Is it something we did?

2 **Death by Mitt-adventure.** Mitt Romney must figure he's suffering from some Halloween curse. At the very moment it looks as if his U.S. presidential campaign is poised to take off, he is foiled by an Act of God that elevates Barack Obama, his opponent. It doesn't help that he was caught on camera during the Republican primary, saying it was "immoral" to borrow money for disaster relief. It's bad enough that the New York Times has endorsed Obama, but God? Geez, Louise.

3 **...and 39 minutes later.** Not sure if it was immoral or not, but the U.S. response to the 7.7-magnitude earthquake off Haida Gwaii Saturday night was 39 minutes faster than the B.C. government's. The quake happened at 8:04 p.m.; the U.S. sent out a tsunami warning at 8:16. The B.C. government followed with a tsunami tweet at 8:55, long after everyone should have gone to higher ground. B.C. Premier Christy Clark was happy with her province's response. Nobody died, she said cheerfully. This time.

4 **Equal time for the undead.** Tony Bennett makes another album of duets with people who can still sing, play instruments and stand upright. For a man who recorded his first album in 1952, a hearty pat on the back … and two words of advice: enough, already.

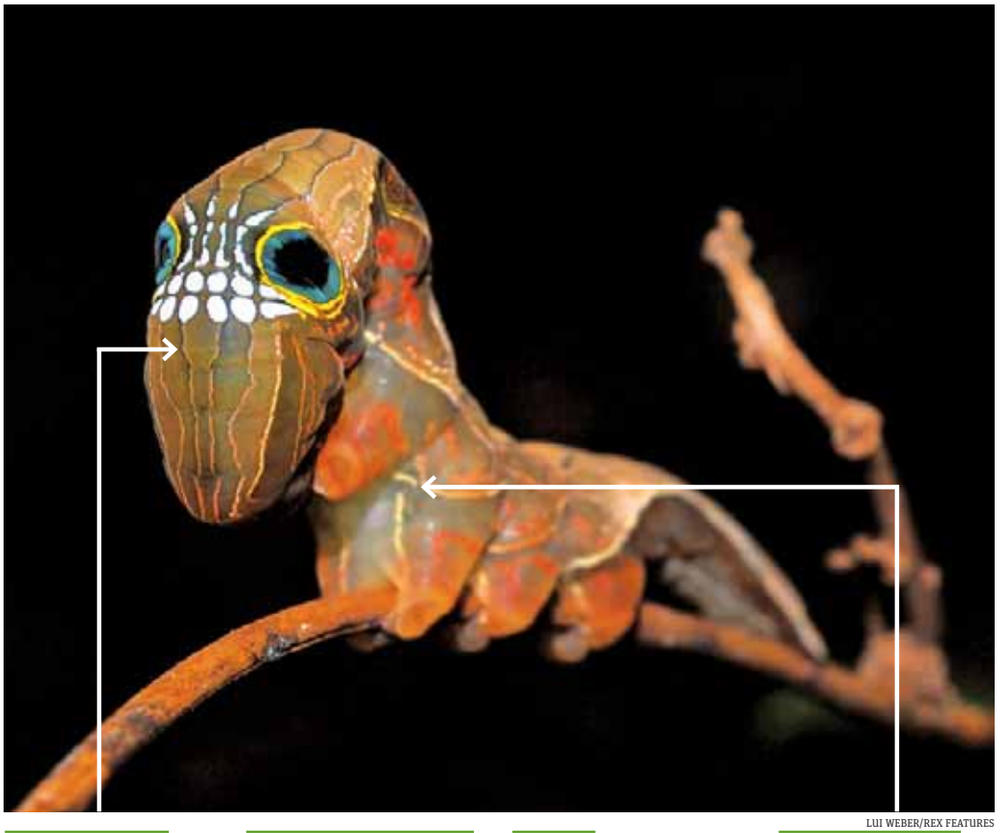
5 **Speaking of creepy.** Then there's Anne Coulter. If Tony Bennett should step aside for Michael Bublé or something, Anne Coulter should be subject to a restraining order. The scariest blond on the block calls the president of the United States a "retard" in her outside voice, and refuses to take it back or apologize, no matter how many Special Olympians she has offended.

6 **Lost in cyberspace.** The head of Apple's iPhone-software development loses his head over the iPhone 5 Maps application that directs people into the Twilight Zone more often than Google Maps, which it unwisely replaces. Almost simultaneously (or at least posthumously) the 260-foot yacht of deceased Apple founder Steve Jobs is launched. I hope it's using Google Maps to navigate.

7 **Most Haunted — NOT!** The annual list of most haunted places in Canada is doing the rounds again this year, and the usual suspects — the Banff Springs Hotel, Fort Henry in Kingston, Ont., and Gastown's Blood Alley — are on the list. But Canada's Scariest Place didn't even make the list: Where's Toronto City Hall? Rob Ford is comin' to git ya.

Mitt Romney helps at a storm-relief event in Kettering, Ohio, on Tuesday. Hopefully, he isn't compromising his moral beliefs. GETTY IMAGES

Endangered moth larva a scary sight



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Animal behaviour

Larva of moth is fit for Halloween

If prizes for Halloween costumes were handed out in the natural world, this scary skull-faced creepy-crawly would surely win.

This extraordinary specimen is the larva of the pink underwing moth (Phyllodes imperialis), an endangered species only found in the Australian rainforest. METRO

Photographer's viewpoint

"Sadly, this moth is very rare. I only know of a single adult seen last year, so I do not have photographs of the adult yet. This southern subspecies is listed as nationally endangered in Australia."

Botanist/ecologist and photographer Lui Weber explains

Habitat

Photographer keeps finding more

All but one of the habitat locations are in south-eastern Queensland, but Lui says more discoveries are being made.

"It was only known to breed in a single location in upland rainforest. But this year I have discovered another three locations and a colleague has located one additional site, making five locations in total," Lui says. METRO

Conservation efforts

Moth currently looking for a home

The Australian government has placed the caterpillar on its endangered list. "Potential breeding habitat is restricted to areas where the caterpillar's food plant, a native rainforest vine, occurs in subtropical rainforest," the government said. "Adult pink underwing moths require the darkness supplied by the vine to breed." METRO

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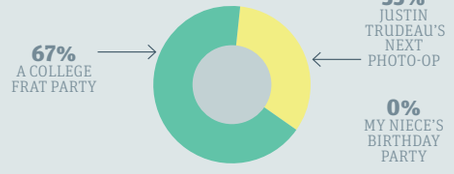
After appearing in an Ottawa couple's wedding photos, what event should Stephen Harper photobomb next?



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Walt Disney Company President and CEO Bob Iger, left, Star Wars creator George Lucas and actor Anthony Daniels attend the grand opening ceremonies for Star Tours — The Adventures Continue at Disney's Hollywood Studios theme park. DAVID ROARK/GETTY IMAGES

LucasFilm flies into new era

Walt Disney. The Star Wars franchise, built from the ground up by George Lucas, sold for death-star-size sum of $4.05 billion

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The Walt Disney Company has purchased LucasFilm — which was behind the colossal Star Wars franchise — for $4.05 billion, the company announced Tuesday.

In addition, Disney announced that a new Star Wars film — rumoured to be Episode 7, which would follow Return of the Jedi chronologically — will be released in 2015.

That film will be just the beginning, as a Disney insider tells Metro that the new film "will be followed by Episodes 8 and 9, and our long term plan is to release a new Star Wars feature film every two to three years."

He added that the company believes "there's substantial pent-up demand" for more Star Wars films.

"For the past 35 years, one of my greatest pleasures has been to see Star Wars passed from one generation to the next," franchise creator George Lucas said in a statement. "It's now time for me to pass Star Wars on to a new generation of filmmakers."

LucasFilm co-chair Kathleen Kennedy will become president of LucasFilm, while Lucas will serve as a creative consultant for any new films. Disney purchased Marvel Entertainment three years ago for an almost identical sum.

Celeb tweets

Here is what some of the celebrity fans are saying about the switch.

- **Patton Oswalt (@pattonoswalt).** Not saying Twitter's in a nerd frenzy about the Disney/Lucasfilm STAR WARS VII news, but I tried to post earlier & got my arm ripped off.
- **Paul Scheer (@paulscheer).** I just got so excited when I heard they were making a Star Wars VII then I remembered the last three.
- **Harry Knowles (@headgeek666).** Busy running a mini-army to get ready for Halloween. But, this STAR WARS/LUCASFILM/DISNEY thing — it's what I as a fan have dreamt of. YES!
- **Han Solo (@hansolo).** I'm mostly just excited for Star Wars theme parks.

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Blood on the snow

Thrills and chills.
The Canadian horror genre has a healthy collection of classics that have influenced the U.S. industry

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Olivia Hussey starred in Black Christmas. HANDOUT

There's plenty to be afraid of in Canada — and no, I don't mean Quebec's mythical werewolf, the loup-garou or Dalton McGuinty's prorogu ing of the legislature. We may be known as a mild mannered people, but put us in front of a camera and all of a sudden we turn into creepy Canucks.

The Great White North has a blood splattered cinematic tradition, dating back to The Mask, the first Canadian film widely distributed in the United States.

A low budget 3D thriller about an archaeologist who believes he is cursed by a mask that causes him to have weird nightmares and even murder people, the movie was a cheapie knocked out to cash in on the 3D craze started by movies like House of Wax. Although it missed that movement by a few years, it may have inadvertently started a new trend. Since the release of The Mask, which coupled tried-and-true 3D with experimental electronic music to heighten its spooky effect, Canadian filmmakers have been scaring the toques off their countrymen and women.

Where would Canadian horror movies be without Valentine's Day? In 1981, My Bloody Valentine, a creepy little slasher flick shot in Cape Breton, ran afoul of the ratings board but has since gone on to become a cult classic.

In 2008, a new type of terror reared its ugly head on the day Hallmark created. In Bruce MacDonald's Pontypool, the townsfolk of a small Ontario town are infected by a deadly virus on Valentine's Day — A God bug that turns them into flesh-eating zombies. Not even Cupid with a quiver full of arrows can keep this town safe.

Jack Brooks: Monster Slayer, an Ottawa-shot chiller, has cult hit written all over it. Breathing the same fetid air as genre classics Dead Alive and Demons, it has all the earmarks of a midnight movie in the making — humour, a tormented anti-hero, crazy creatures, gallons of guts and goo crowned by an over-the-top performance from horror legend Robert "Freddy Krueger" Englund.

No look at Can Con chills would be complete without at least one David Cronenberg movie. The Brood stars Oliver Reed, Samantha Eggar and Black Christmas (another great Canadian horror) star Art Hindle in a story about a brood of mutant children. Writer Ken Hanke called it one of the director's most "unsettling" films, which is really saying something if you've seen Rabid, Shivers or Videodrome.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

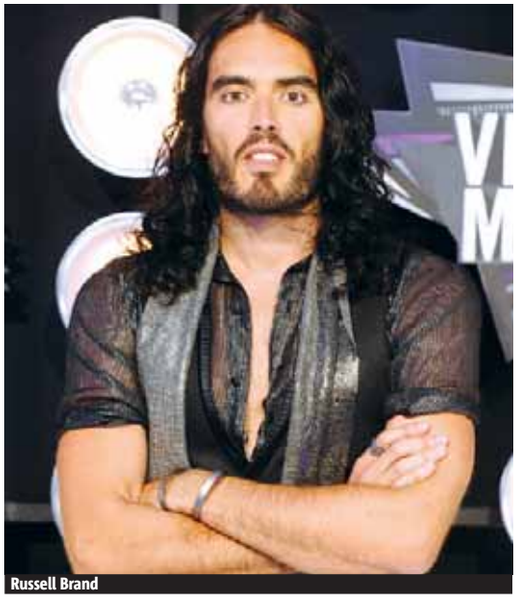
Evan Rachel Wood and Jamie Bell

Secretive couple's wedding may have flown under radar

Several gossip sites were predicting that Evan Rachel Wood and Jamie Bell were set to get married later this week, but it seems the secretive couple have already taken care of that, according to the Daily Mail.

The pair was spotted in line at LAX sporting matching gold wedding bands — with Wood carrying a bag from lingerie boutique Kiki De Montparnasse, which would suggest they're off on some honeymoon-related activities.

Earlier this month, Wood and Bell were spotted at the Beverly Hills City marriage license office.



Russell Brand

Man sues Russell Brand over reported hit-and-run

An old vehicular mishap is apparently coming back to haunt Russell Brand, as a Los Angeles man is now suing the comedian for reportedly hitting him with his car and fleeing the scene back in January, according to TMZ.

The man, Victor Sneed, claims Brand was driving "negligently" at the time, and he's suing for $25,000 to cover hospital bills and lost wages from the alleged incident.

The Word

Lance Bass not bothered over Timberlake wedding snub

Lance Bass doesn't harbor any hard feelings toward Justin Timberlake for not getting invited to Timberlake's recent lavish wedding in Italy.

"No one was invited to Justin's wedding. None of *NSYNC were invited," Bass tells Hollyscoop. "They had a small group of people. We did an engagement party for him, but nothing since then."

Bass must not have read the reports from Us Weekly last week that *NSYNC members JC Chasez and Chris Kirkpatrick did in fact score invites.

But Bass and Timberlake seem to agree on one thing: "I highly doubt that we will ever have a reunion," Bass says.

"I mean, never say never. But it won't be any time soon."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Theron, Hardy butting heads on set

Tensions are reportedly running high on the set of the Mad Max remake — and it's all due to Tom Hardy's method acting, which is driving co-star Charlize Theron crazy, according to Radar Online.

"Charlize and Tom are just not getting on together," a source says.

"In between takes Tom likes to stay in character and is constantly talking to himself and mumbling things. Charlize has tried to talk to him during breaks in filming, but he shuts himself off from the rest of the cast."

Charlize Theron

The source adds that Theron thinks Harding is "a weirdo."

Simpson busted after wife finds photo of young male model

Joe Simpson's alleged affair with a 21-year-old male model apparently only came to light when his wife, Tina Simpson, discovered some photos of the young man, Bryce Chandler Hill, in her home and confronted her husband, according to Radar Online.

"Joe got busted after Tina found some modeling pictures of Bryce in her home," a source says. "They were taken in and around the house, and she was suspicious because she didn't have a clue who the boy was."

After finding photos of Joe and Bryce together, Tina decided to confront Joe, who was on a trip to New York at the time — so that's just where she went, according to the website.

"When she got there, she called him down to the lobby and they thrashed it out," the source says.

"It was there and then that Joe confessed he was having a gay affair with Bryce, who had left the hotel just days earlier, and Tina demanded a divorce."

Joe Simpson

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Half Moon Golf Club is located just beyond the craggy coastline of Montego Bay. HANDOUT

The sun is shining — the golf course is sweet

Tee time. The Jamaican Open offers a laid-back chance for amateurs to hit the links with the pros

BRIAN KENDALL
canadiangolftraveller.com

A favourite stop of royalty and high society, Montego Bay's posh Half Moon, A Rock Resort, hosts both amateurs and pros in a prestigious and fun annual championship dating from 1953.

Teeing off under the swaying palms alongside Jim Thorpe, Olin Browne, Russ Cochrane and other golf stars in the Jamaica Open is a fantasy come true for amateur golfers.

Just as much fun is the beachside après-golf parties with new celebrity friends at the resort, which is the host and sponsor of the national championship.

Played Nov. 28 to Dec. 1, the tourney is open to both professionals and amateurs who carry a maximum handicap of 5.0.

Far more democratic is the one-day pro-am preceding the main event, which accepts entries from teams of three golfers of varying abilities (provided each golfer carries an official handicap) for the entry fee of $600 (all prices in U.S. dollars).

Perhaps as big a draw as the Jamaica Open's purse of $85,000 is the opportunity for golfers to luxuriate for a few days at a Caribbean resort whose guest list has included the Queen and John and Jacqueline Kennedy, who enjoyed a month-long vacation here just prior to his inauguration as U.S. president in 1961.

Half Moon takes its name from the property's famous crescent-shaped beach of pure white sand, which in 1954 inspired investors to turn an abandoned sugar plantation into one of the world's elite resorts.

Located near bustling Montego Bay on Jamaica's northwest coast, Half Moon, which has been lavishly renovated over the past decade, sprawls across 400 acres of some of the most dramatically beautiful terrain in the Caribbean.

Accommodations include rooms and suites, as well as 33 elegantly accessorized four-to-seven-bedroom private villas, each with a pool and full-time staff.

Furnished throughout with Queen-Anne-inspired pieces and vibrant Jamaican paintings, Half Moon retains the feel of a traditional island plantation, yet with all the modern amenities.

There are 54 swimming pools, 13 floodlit tennis courts, the award-winning Fern Tree spa, one of the Caribbean's best-equipped equestrian centres and a protected lagoon where guests can swim with Reggae and Toni, the resident Atlantic Bluenose dolphins.

But the focus for golfers is Half Moon Golf Club, a lushly tropical Robert Trent Jones Sr. design opened in 1961 (and masterfully updated by Roger Rulewich in 2005) that flows seamlessly through gentle foothills just beyond the craggy coastline.

Half Moon is also ideally situated for golfers who want to linger a while and play other courses.

A quick shuttle ride away is Cinnamon Hill Golf Course, a Robert von Hagge-Rick Baril design that weaves through the 19th-century ruins of Rose Hall plantation. And just beyond that is White Witch Golf Club, an evilly difficult Hagge-Baril design offering views of the Caribbean Sea from no fewer than 16 holes.

Entry to the Lime Jamaica Open is $650 for professionals; $500 for amateurs. Special Jamaica Open room rates at Half Moon start at $215 per night single occupancy and $240 per night double.

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Gruesomely delicious dip with black bugs for tombstone nibbling

Roasted Eggplant and Pepper Dip with Black 'Bugs'

This recipe yields about 3-1/2 cups (875 ml) of dip. DAIRYGOODNESS.CA

Roasted eggplant and pepper dip with black "bugs" is a gruesomely delicious dip that can be topped off with "tombstone" toast slices. This baba-ganoush-inspired recipe also reaches new levels of darkness with rich pomegranate molasses, balanced by heady garlic, cumin, coriander and bell pepper.

Garnished by insect-specks of black sesame or poppy seeds, it will have your guests crawling with excitement inspired from beyond the chip bowl.

And the smoky, flavourful dip, isn't just for Halloween time.

It will also fill your home with aromas from the Middle East to impress your guests during any dinner party or the next big football game.

1. Preheat oven to 400 F (200 C).

2. Place eggplant directly on oven rack. Place whole pepper, onion and garlic cloves in a small roasting pan and toss olive oil. Roast vegetables for 45 minutes, tossing every 15 minutes, until vegetables are charred and eggplant is deflated (remove garlic and onions as they are roasted; they will be ready before pepper). Remove eggplant from oven with tongs, place in roasting pan with other vegetables, and allow to cool.

3. While vegetables are cooling, in a small, dry skillet, combine cumin, coriander and 1 tsp (5 ml) of nigella seeds. Cook over medium heat, shaking pan often for 2 minutes until fragrant and seeds begin to pop. Transfer to mortar and pestle (alternatively use spice grinder or place in a bowl and crush with the back of spoon) and grind until seeds are crushed, but not perfectly smooth.

4. When vegetables are cool enough to handle, cut eggplant and scoop out flesh onto a cutting board. Peel, core and de-seed pepper and place flesh on board with onion and garlic cloves. Roughly chop everything together and scoop into a serving bowl.

5. Stir in toasted seeds, salt, lemon juice, yogurt and pomegranate molasses. Serve immediately or cover and refrigerate for up to 2 days. Top with remaining nigella seeds arranging as bugs.

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Ingredients

- 1 large eggplant (1-1/2 lbs/750 g), pricked all over with a fork
- 1 sweet orange pepper
- 1 onion, quartered
- 4 large cloves garlic
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) olive oil
- 1-1/2 tsp (7 ml) cumin seeds,
- 1-1/2 tsp (7 ml) coriander seeds
- 1-1/2 tsp (7 ml) nigella, black sesame or poppy seeds, divided
- 1-1/2 tsp (7 ml) salt
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1 cup (250 ml) thick plain yogurt (Greek)
- 1-1/2 tsp (7 ml) pomegranate molasses
- Flatbread, toasted pita or sliced naan to serve

Drink of the Week

Dark and Gloomy Blueberry Smoothie

This gloomy-coloured smoothie, perfect for a spooky Halloween breakfast, is packed with blueberries, bananas, milk and a handful of spinach. Halloween, after all, is all about disguises!

- 1-1/2 cups (375 ml) milk
- 1-1/2 cups (375 ml) loosely packed fresh baby spinach
- 1 cup (250 ml) frozen blueberries
- 1 banana, peeled
- Pinch ground nutmeg
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) pure maple syrup, or to taste

In a blender, combine milk, spinach, blueberries, banana, nutmeg and maple syrup and blend until smooth. Add more maple syrup, if desired. Serve immediately.

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Is your desk reflecting your best?

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Whether we like it or not, our desks say a lot about us.

If you're entering the workforce for the first time as a student or new grad, it's easy to overlook the small details of your working life and focus solely on fitting in with your new office.

Ultimately, your personality, work ethic and professional skills will be what allow you to succeed in your career, but there is a lot to be said for how you handle your personal space. Unnecessary clutter, for example, can cause you to appear disheveled and make your co-workers take you less seriously.

Avoiding these common trends can ensure that if your desk absolutely insists on talking about you, it will only have good things to say.

Itching to leave
It's nice to personalize your space. In fact, doing so creates the idea that you are committed for the long haul, which an employer will look highly upon. That being said, the 800 photos of your Jamaican cruise and countdown calendar to your next vacation don't reflect well. They suggest that you'd rather be anywhere but here.

Tip: Limit the number of photos you post so you don't appear eager to run out the door.

If you're going to let your space speak for you, make sure it's dishing out the compliments. ISTOCK

No man's land
On the other end of the spectrum, your desk shouldn't be so empty that people forget someone actually sits there. Too many photos and memorabilia items send a negative message, but a complete lack of them sends a different yet equally off-putting thought. People might think you're reluctant to settle down with the company.

Tip: Nobody needs to know about your ongoing Pokemon obsession, but a family photo or two makes it seem like a human being actually works there.

Childhood nostalgia
Small toys often occupy some desk spaces. Slinkies. Bobbleheads. Tiny race cars. These add a sense of fun to your desk and express your imagination and laid-back attitude. That being said, an overabundance of toys can also suggest a lack of focus.

Tip: Your desk should indicate that you're approachable, not five years old. Keep the slinky and throw out the Etch-a-Sketch.

Snacks and Starbucks
Depending on your work environment, eating at your desk may be common practice. However, if you're one of those people who likes to eat little portions throughout the day, make sure you don't let empty containers and wrappers pile up. This makes you appear messy and distracted (and as though you have nothing better to do than continually go for coffee breaks).

Tip: Use a reusable coffee mug to cut down on the number of Starbucks cups piling up by your monitor.

Post-it note central
If a slight breeze could potentially tear your organization apart, it's time to change your strategy. Writing a quick note to yourself might make you feel on top of things, but an abundance of them makes you appear disorganized to others.

Tip: A notebook (or better yet, an online calendar which can notify you before you're supposed to do something) is a much more efficient way to stay organized.

Taking festive too far?

Every day is a holiday

- Halloween brings forth tiny carved pumpkins. Christmas finds your desk completely strung with lights, and Easter features a giant pile of decorated eggs. Although festive, this indicates you have nothing better to do at work, making your boss question both your priorities and commitment to your job.
- Tip: Bring in Halloween treats and hang up a stocking. End of story.

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MLB

Leyland to return to Tigers on one-year deal

Jim Leyland insisted throughout the latter part of the season that there would be a time and a place to discuss his managing future.

That moment came on Tuesday — when the Detroit Tigers announced Leyland would be back in 2013 with a one-year contract extension.

"I really don't know why this is such a shock to everybody, because we told everybody that we weren't going to talk about this until after the season," Leyland said. "It's not even 48 hours and it's done. I think it was pretty much exactly like we had planned it."

The Tigers and their manager quickly ended any remaining speculation about his status, just two days after Detroit was swept by the San Francisco Giants in the World Series. Leyland was managing on a one-year deal this year as well. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MLB

Romero's rough season ends with elbow surgery

As Ricky Romero struggled through his disastrous 2012 season, it was often speculated he must have been hurt. Now we know he was.

The Blue Jays' 27-year-old left-hander had arthroscopic surgery two weeks ago to "clean up" scar tissue that had built up in his left elbow, he and the club announced Tuesday.

Romero admitted he pitched through soreness on the outside of his elbow through most of the season, but said he wasn't sure if it caused his poor performance.

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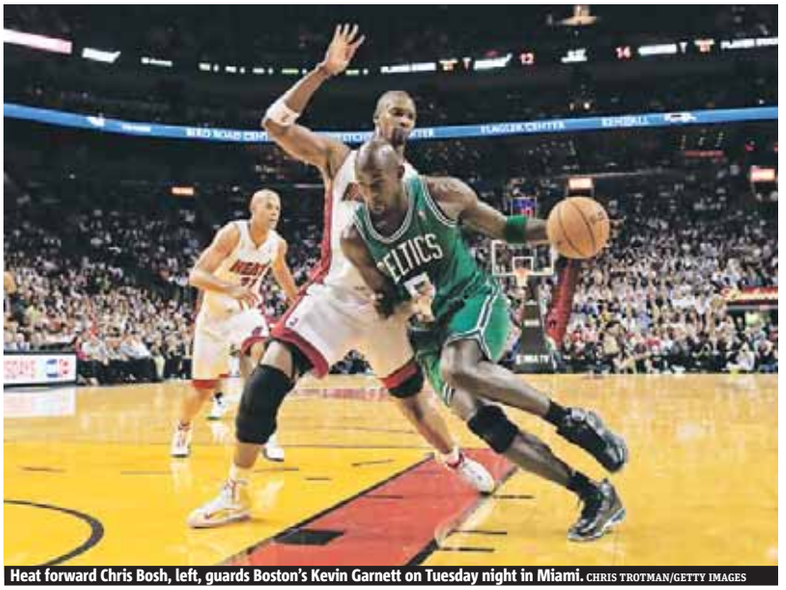
Heat ring in new season with a win

NBA. Rival Celtics fall in Miami, but so does superstar James



Heat forward Chris Bosh, left, guards Boston's Kevin Garnett on Tuesday night in Miami. CHRIS TROTMAN/GETTY IMAGES

LeBron James got cramps, Ray Allen was snubbed and Dwyane Wade was steaming.

None of that spoiled the Miami Heat mood on ring night.

Wade scored 29 points, James finished with 26 points and 10 rebounds while missing much of the second half because of cramps in both legs and the reigning NBA champion Heat beat the Boston Celtics 120-107 on Tuesday night in the season opener for both teams.

There were actual fireworks before the game to close the ceremony where the Heat got their championship rings and raised their title banner. There also were plenty of figurative fireworks late, first with Boston almost digging out of a 19-point hole and, after the outcome was decided, Rajon Rondo flagrantly fouling Wade by wrapping his arms around his neck on a drive.

In the end, though, the first Celtics-Heat matchup of this season was like the final one of last season — with Miami winning.

"It was good to cap this night off with a win," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "It was an emotional time for all of us in our organization."

Even for the newcomers, like Allen. He scored 19 points — needing only seven field-goal attempts — in his first game with Miami since leaving Boston over the summer. Chris Bosh had 19 points and 10 rebounds for Miami.

Allen got chants from the Heat crowd, which is nothing new. Except this time, they were positive.

Opening night

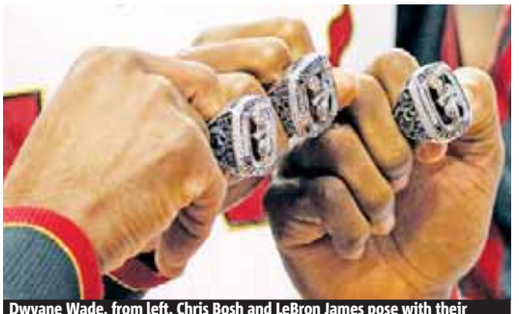
Heat	Celtics
120	107

"Never thought I'd hear that here," Allen said.

Paul Pierce scored 23 points, Rondo finished with 20 points and 13 assists and Leandro Barbosa scored 16 for Boston. The Celtics, who lost to the Heat in last season's Eastern Conference finals, were not on the court for the ring ceremony.

They almost wrecked the festive mood with a late comeback.

An 11-2 run late in the fourth quarter got Boston within 111-107 on Courtney Lee's layup with 2:09 left. That was the last Celtics' hurrah — Bosh scored the game's next seven points, sealing it for Miami.



Dwyane Wade, from left, Chris Bosh and LeBron James pose with their championship rings before last night's game.
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Miami held on even while James, last season's MVP of both the regular season and NBA Finals, was in the locker-room for the second time because of the cramps, first in his right leg and then his left.

"It's not an all-the-time thing," James said. "I'm not too worried about it."

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Hockey. Simmonds the target of racism once again in Czech league

The Czech Republic's ice hockey federation says it has fined a club after its fans aimed racist chants toward Philadelphia Flyers winger Wayne Simmonds, who is playing in the top Czech league during the NHL lockout.

In a statement issued Tuesday, the federation said the Chomutov Pirates were fined 30,000 koruna ($1,554) by its disciplinary committee for the chants directed toward Simmonds, who currently plays for the Liberec White Tigers.

The incident took place during Sunday's game between the Pirates and the Tigers.

Chomutov has apologized to Simmonds and the club said it would do everything it can to prevent any such abuse in the future.

Last year, a banana was thrown at Simmonds from the stands during an NHL pre-season game in London, Ont.

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Wayne Simmonds with the Philadelphia Flyers at Madison Square Garden on Nov. 26. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Lockout

Players get escrow before missing another pay period

Locked-out NHL players had the pain of missing their first full pay period offset Tuesday when they received last season's escrow cheque.

Players were returned 7.98 per cent of what they earned last year, plus interest, one day before their second paycheque of the 2012-13 season would have been due, according to a spokesman for the NHL Players' Association

The escrow payments amount to about $80,000 for every million dollars a player earned — before deductions. For example, New York Rangers forward Brad Richards grossed approximately $960,000 after being the league's highest-paid player last season.

Under the terms of the expired collective bargaining agreement, NHL players had a portion of their salaries deducted throughout the season and placed into an escrow account.

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Wednesday's game
Houston at Chicago, 9 p.m.
Thursday's game
Vancouver at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

ENGLAND

LEAGUE CUP

Yesterday's results
Leeds 4 Southampton 0
Reading 5 Arsenal 7 (ET)
Sunderland 0 Middlesbrough 1
Swindon 2 Aston Villa 3
Wigan 0 Bradford 0
(Bradford advances 4-2 on penalties)

GERMANY

GERMAN CUP

SECOND ROUND
Yesterday's results
Aalen 1 Borussia Dortmund 4
Berliner AK 0 1860 Munich 3
Eintracht Braunschweig 0 Freiburg 2
Havelse 1 Bochum 3
Mainz 2 Erzgebirge Aue 0
Preussen Muenster 0 Augsburg 1
Schalke 3 Sandhausen 0
Wormatia Worms 0 Cologne 0 AET
(Cologne wins 4-3 on penalties)

ITALY

SERIE A

Yesterday's result
Palermo 2 AC Milan 2

SCOTLAND

LEAGUE CUP

Yesterday's result
Celtic 5 St. Johnstone 0
Aberdeen 2 St. Mirren 2
(St. Mirren won 4-2 on penalty kicks)

NBA

Tuesday's results
Cleveland 94 Washington 84
Miami 120 Boston 107
Dallas at L.A. Lakers
Wednesday's games
All Times Eastern
Denver at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Indiana at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Houston at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Chicago, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Utah, 9 p.m.
Golden State at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Portland, 10:30 p.m.
Memphis at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Thursday's Games
New York at Brooklyn, 7 p.m.
Oklahoma City at San Antonio, 9:30 p.m.

CFL

WEEK 18

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
y-Montreal	17	11	6	0	467	470	22
x-Toronto	17	8	9	0	402	451	16
Hamilton	17	6	11	0	498	533	12
Winnipeg	17	5	12	0	357	520	10

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
y-B.C.	17	12	5	0	462	348	24
x-Calgary	17	11	6	0	505	403	22
x-Saskatchewan	17	8	9	0	451	392	16
Edmonton	17	7	10	0	395	420	14

x — Clinched playoff berth.
y — Clinched division.
Sunday's result
Montreal 27 Edmonton 25
Saturday's results
Hamilton 28 Winnipeg 18
Toronto 31 Saskatchewan 26
Friday's result
Calgary 41 B.C. 21

WEEK 19

Thursday, Nov. 1 — All Times Eastern
Hamilton at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 2
Calgary at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 3
Montreal at Winnipeg, 3 p.m.
Saskatchewan at B.C., 10 p.m.
END OF CFL REGULAR SEASON

TENNIS

ATP

BNP PARIBAS MASTERS

At Paris, France
Singles
First Round
Jeremy Chardy, France, def. Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, Spain, 6-0, 6-3.
Grigor Dimitrov, Bulgaria, def. Jurgen Melzer, Austria, 7-6 (2), 6-2.
Paul-Henri Mathieu, France, def. Roberto Bautista-Agut, Spain, 6-4, 7-5.
Michael Llodra, France, def. Radek Stepanek, Czech Rep., 7-5,, 6-3.
Igor Sijsling, Netherlands, def. Alexandr Dolgopolov, Ukraine, 6-4, 6-2.
Sam Querrey, U.S., def. Fernando Verdasco, Spain, 6-1, 1-1 retired.
Second Round
Tomas Berdych (5), Czech Rep., def. Andreas Seppi, Italy, 7-6 (6), 6-2.
Jo-Wilfred Tsonga (6), France, def. Julien Benneteau, France, 6-2, 4-6, 7-6 (2).
Jerzy Janowicz, Poland, def. Marin Cilic (13), Croatia, 7-6 (6), 6-2.
Kei Nishikori (15), Japan, def. Benoit Paire, France, 7-6 (2), 6-2.
Stanislas Wawrinka (16), Switzerland, def. Carlos Berlocq, Argentina, 6-3, 6-2.
Doubles
First Round
Philipp Kohlschreiber and Florian Mayer, Germany, def. Paul Hanley, Australia, and Jonathan Marray, Britain, 7-5, 6-1.
Feliciano Lopez, Spain, and Nenad Zimonjic, Serbia, def. Michael Llodra and Edouard Roger-Vasselin, France, 6-4, 4-6, 11-9.

AHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt
Manchester	6	5	1	0	0	23	11	10
St. John's	8	4	4	0	0	21	26	8
Portland	7	3	3	1	0	31	29	7
Worcester	7	2	4	0	1	20	27	5
Providence	6	2	4	0	0	13	20	4

NORTHEAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt
Springfield	7	5	1	0	1	21	12	11
Bridgeport	6	4	2	0	0	19	20	8
Connecticut	7	3	3	1	0	27	26	7
Adirondack	7	3	4	0	0	18	26	6
Albany	6	2	4	0	0	14	14	4

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt
Norfolk	6	5	1	0	0	23	15	10
Syracuse	7	4	1	1	1	25	25	10
Binghamton	7	3	3	1	0	16	20	7
Hershey	7	3	3	1	0	21	21	7
W-B/Scranton	7	2	5	0	0	17	20	4

WESTERN CONFERENCE

NORTH DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt
Rochester	8	5	2	1	0	33	29	11
Abbotsford	7	4	1	0	2	25	16	10
Lake Erie	8	5	3	0	0	27	19	10
Hamilton	6	3	2	1	0	15	18	7
Toronto	6	3	2	0	1	17	17	7

MIDWEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt
Chicago	8	5	2	1	0	21	22	11
Rockford	8	4	3	0	1	21	21	9
Grand Rapids	7	2	3	1	1	24	28	6
Peoria	7	2	4	1	0	10	24	5
Milwaukee	6	2	4	0	0	12	18	4

SOUTH DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt
Charlotte	8	6	1	0	1	32	18	13
Houston	7	4	2	1	0	27	19	9
Okla. City	7	4	3	0	0	24	22	8
Texas	7	3	4	0	0	15	23	6
San Antonio	7	2	4	0	1	14	20	5

Wednesday's game — All Times Eastern
Charlotte at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Thursday's games
Lake Erie at Peoria, 8:05 p.m.
Toronto at Abbotsford, 10 p.m.
Friday's games
Syracuse at Adirondack, 7 p.m.
Connecticut at Albany, 7 p.m.
Wilkes-Barre/Scranton at Manchester, 7 p.m.
Hershey at Springfield, 7 p.m.
Worcester at Providence, 7:05 p.m.
Hamilton at Rochester, 7:05 p.m.
Binghamton at Norfolk, 7:30 p.m.
St. John's at Portland, 7:30 p.m.
Lake Erie at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Houston at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Rockford, 8:05 p.m.
Grand Rapids at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Toronto at Abbotsford, 10 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BOSTON RED SOX—Named Brian Butterfield third base coach.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Agreed to terms with RHP Jake Peavy on a two-year contract. Exercised the 2013 contract option on RHP Gavin Floyd. Declined 2013 contract options of RHP Brett Myers and 3B Kevin Youkilis.
DETROIT TIGERS—Signed manager Jim Leyland to a one-year contract. Exercised the 2013 contract options on RHP Octavio Dotel and SS Jhonny Peralta.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Announced LHP Dallas Braden and RHP Joey Devine cleared outright waivers, refused outright assignments to Sacramento (PCL) and elected to become free agents.
TEXAS RANGERS—Declined 2013 contract options for RHP Scott Feldman and RHP Yoshinori Tateyama. Reinstated RHP Neftali Feliz from the 60-day DL. Selected the contract of RHP Justin Miller from Round Rock (PCL).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

ATLANTA BRAVES—Exercised the 2013 contract options on RHP Tim Hudson, C Brian McCann and LHP Paul Maholm.
CHICAGO CUBS—Named Derek Johnson minor league pitching co-ordinator.

NBA

NBA—Suspended Los Angeles Clippers G Matt Barnes one game for pleading nolo contendre, in California state court, to resisting, delaying or obstructing an officer in the discharge of his duties.
CHICAGO BULLS—Exercised its third-year option for G-F Jimmy Butler.
MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES—Exercised third-year options on G Ricky Rubio and F Derrick Williams for the 2013-14 season.
UTAH JAZZ—Exercised the contract option of coach Tyrone Corbin through the 2013-14 season.

NFL

CHICAGO BEARS—Signed WR Raymond Radway to the practice squad. Terminated the practice squad contract of WR Joe Anderson.
CLEVELAND BROWNS—Placed DL Emmanuel Stephens on injured reserve.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Traded WR Mike Thomas to Detroit for an undisclosed draft pick.
MIAMI DOLPHINS—Released WR Anthony Armstrong.
NEW ENGLAND PATROITS—Released LB Bobby Carpenter.
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Placed WR Ben Obomanu on injured reserve. Released CB Danny Gorrer. Promoted WR Jermaine Kearse and OT Michael Person from the practice squad. Signed WR Phil Bates to the practice squad.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS—Placed G Carl Nicks and TE Danny Noble on injured reserve. Promoted G Roger Allen from the practice squad.

AHL

LEAGUE OFFICE — Suspended San Antonio RW Andre Deveaux one game for his actions following the conclusion of an Oct. 28 game at Rockford.

SOCCER

U.S. SOCCER — Named Tom Sermanni women's national team coach.

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	5	3	0	.625	262	170
Miami	4	3	0	.571	150	126
Buffalo	3	4	0	.429	171	227
N.Y. Jets	3	5	0	.375	168	200

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	6	1	0	.857	216	128
Indianapolis	4	3	0	.571	136	171
Tennessee	3	5	0	.375	162	257
Jacksonville	1	6	0	.143	103	188

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	5	2	0	.714	174	161
Pittsburgh	4	3	0	.571	167	144
Cincinnati	3	4	0	.429	166	187
Cleveland	2	6	0	.250	154	186

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	4	3	0	.571	204	152
San Diego	3	4	0	.429	154	144
Oakland	3	4	0	.429	139	187
Kansas City	1	6	0	.143	120	209

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	6	2	0	.750	234	161
Philadelphia	3	4	0	.429	120	155
Dallas	3	4	0	.429	137	162
Washington	3	5	0	.375	213	227

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	7	0	0	1.000	201	130
Tampa Bay	3	4	0	.429	184	153
New Orleans	2	5	0	.286	190	216
Carolina	1	6	0	.143	128	167

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	6	1	0	.857	185	100
Minnesota	5	3	0	.625	184	167
Green Bay	5	3	0	.625	208	170
Detroit	3	4	0	.429	161	174

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Francisco	6	2	0	.750	189	103
Arizona	4	4	0	.500	127	142
Seattle	4	4	0	.500	140	134
St. Louis	3	5	0	.375	137	186

WEEK EIGHT

Monday's result
San Francisco 24 Arizona 3
Sunday's results
Green Bay 24 Jacksonville 15
Indianapolis 19 Tennessee 13, OT
Chicago 23 Carolina 22
Miami 30 N.Y. Jets 9
Cleveland 7 San Diego 6
Atlanta 30 Philadelphia 17
Detroit 28 Seattle 24
Pittsburgh 27 Washington 12
New England 45 St. Louis 7
Oakland 26 Kansas City 16
N.Y. Giants 29 Dallas 24
Denver 34 New Orleans 13
Thursday's result
Tampa Bay 36 Minnesota 17

WEEK NINE

Thursday's game — All Times Eastern
Kansas City at San Diego, 8:20 p.m.
Sunday, November 4
Detroit at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Denver at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Houston, 1 p.m.
Miami at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Washington, 1 p.m.
Arizona at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Baltimore at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
Minnesota at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Giants, 4:25 p.m.
Dallas at Atlanta, 8:20 p.m.
Monday, November 5
Philadelphia at New Orleans, 8:30 p.m.

LATE MONDAY

49ERS 24 CARDINALS 3

San Francisco	**7**	**10**	**7**	**0**	**—24**
Arizona	**0**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**—3**

First Quarter
First Quarter
SF—Crabtree 3 pass from Ale.Smith (Akers kick), 1:53.
Second Quarter
SF—FG Akers 43, 5:58.
SF—Crabtree 9 pass from Ale.Smith (Akers kick), 1:41.
Third Quarter
SF—Moss 47 pass from Ale.Smith (Akers kick), 7:27.
Ari—FG Feely 28, :57.
Attendance—62,810.

TEAM STATISTICS	SF	Ari
FIRST DOWNS	15	16
Rushing	4	0
Passing	10	15
Penalty	1	1
THIRD DOWN EFF	6-12	2-14
FOURTH DOWN EFF	0-0	2-4
TOTAL NET YARDS	317	265
Total Plays	52	65
Avg Gain	6.1	4.1
NET YARDS RUSHING	113	7
Rushes	29	9
Avg per rush	3.9	0.8
NET YARDS PASSING	204	258
Sacked-Yds lost	4-28	4-32
Gross-Yds passing	232	290
Completed-Att.	18-19	32-52
Had Intercepted	0	1
Yards-Pass Play	8.9	4.6
Punts blocked	0	0
FGs-PATs blocked	0-0	0-0
TOTAL RETURN YARDAGE	90	15
Punt Returns	5-59	4-15
Kickoff Returns	1-31	0-0
Interceptions	1-0	0-0
PENALTIES-Yds	10-80	7-51
FUMBLES-Lost	0-0	0-0
TIME OF POSSESSION	31:16	28:44

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—San Francisco, Gore 16-55, Hunter 10-43, Crabtree 1-8, Ale.Smith 1-6, Miller 1-1. Arizona, Stephens-Howling 8-6, Skelton 1-1.
PASSING—San Francisco, Ale.Smith 18-19-0-232. Arizona, Skelton 32-52-1-290.
RECEIVING—San Francisco, Crabtree 5-72, Manningham 4-20, Walker 2-38, V.Davis 2-34, Moss 1-47, Gore 1-11, Hunter 1-6, K.Williams 1-4, Ginn Jr. 1-0. Arizona, Roberts 7-65, Fitzgerald 5-52, Floyd 5-36, Housler 4-32, King 3-43, Stephens-Howling 3-32, Doucet 2-21, Sherman 2-11, Peterson 1-(minus 2).

Toronto firm Baka Communications' huge grid of solar panels above their new-age filling station is one of the biggest in North America. ALL PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

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There has always been the indirect way — grabbing solar-generated electricity to throw on the grid, and then letting electric cars draw power from that grid.

It's a strategy that is gaining more and more traction these days, due to clean energy issues and the subsequent and rising popularity of the modern electrical-driven automobile.

A big case in point is the structure that suddenly appeared last week on the premises of Baka Communications. The Toronto-firm is billing it as the largest solar charging station in Canada that is not run by a government or utility-company entity. It's also among the largest in North America.

"We also have the largest private fleet of Chevrolet Volts in Canada," says Baka's president, John Marion. At the station's ribbon-cutting ceremony on Oct. 23, eight of the Volts were simultaneously charged, showing off the eight available charging stations, positioned under the carport's massive 20-kilowatt solar-panel roof.

Marion initiated the project after installing some solar panels at his house. It got him thinking about what he could do in the same green vein at the office.

"Next year, we're scheduled to do our rooftop project, an 80-kilowatt system," adds Marion. "When you combine them, they'll be able to provide 50 per cent of our total electrical needs at this location, including the full charging of all nine cars for 20-kilowatt-per-year driving."

The electric fleet and the two big solar panels will set the company back about $1 million dollars. Marion obviously feels the investment is justified.

"At the end of the day, I want to promote green … When we're bidding for work, clients want to know how green you are. We do a lot of green things, like recycling and conservation. Those are the norms. But nobody can come close to what we're doing. At the same time, it's got to be in you. It's in me."

It's in Marion so much he wants to make Baka an "evangelist for the environmental movement." In this regard, Baka is blessed by its location adjacent to the much-travelled 427 Highway — about 275,000 vehicles a day will pass by the firm's electric carport.

"We hope a lot of people will see it, to ultimately create discussion and awareness that solar powered charging stations are actually here. We also hope that Saas' phone rings off the hook, because we should have more of these."

The Saas in question is Saas Perez of Renewz Sustainable Solutions, which built and created Baka's system. Perez says the station is the first in North America to be based on a combination of Italian structural technology and North American electrical technology.

The company will be introducing a home version in 2013. Also unique will be the ability to reserve a charging station via a mobile device, but only when Baka is ready to give public access to these charging stations.

How will Baka charge public users for charging? Marion said they wouldn't have to pay. Why no payment I can't help but ask…

"Because it's free," says Marion, pointing to the sky.

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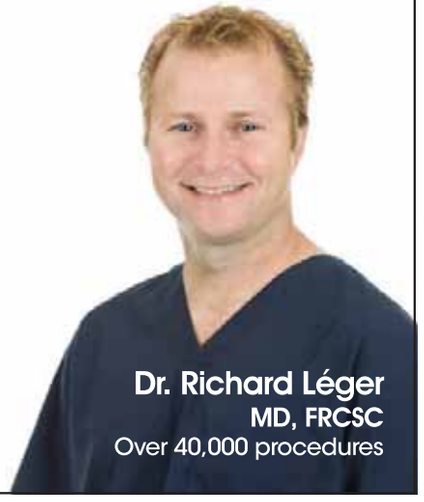

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Someone is lying to you. Someone believes you are easy to fool. It's not true, is it? The planets indicate you need to keep your wits about you today. If you are careless, it could cost you more than just money.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Do you deal with a problem in a purely logical manner or do you allow your instincts to guide you? The best way is to combine the two, to find a happy medium. Use both sides of your brain today.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
You will hear something today you don't want to know about, but you can't escape the facts. Like it or not, changes have to be made. The only question is: Will you make them or will you leave it to others?

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
You think too much. The more you dwell on a problem today, the more of a problem it will become. Divert your mind in a more positive direction and, who knows, maybe the problem will resolve itself.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Try something different today, something you would not usually dare to attempt. Yes, it may go wrong but, more likely, it will go right and you will impress a lot of people. You may even impress yourself.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You will come under pressure from someone who thinks they have the right to tell you what to do. They don't, and the sooner you let them know that the sooner you will be rid of their annoying presence.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You like to take your time when making a decision but that luxury is not available to you at the moment. Listen to what your inner voice tells you and act on it immediately. That means today, not tomorrow!

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Don't waste your time and energy on things of no importance. If you allow yourself to be sidetracked, it could take quite a while before you are able to get back on course. Focus only on what is important to you.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Stand up for yourself. Refuse to do anything that does not feel right. Others will try to convince you that they know best but if your instincts tell you otherwise, you would be a fool not to listen.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Life is too short to waste time wondering if other people approve of your actions. For too long, you have hesitated because you were not sure you were doing the right thing. Ultimately, there is no right thing. Just act.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
A friend or work colleague will try to drag you into a dispute that really has nothing to do with you and if you are smart, you will refuse to get involved. You are not your brother's keeper, nor anyone else's.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You know what you want and you know where to get it but certain people don't want you to have it. Can they stop you? Only if you let them — so don't let them. SALLY BROMPTON

Cities

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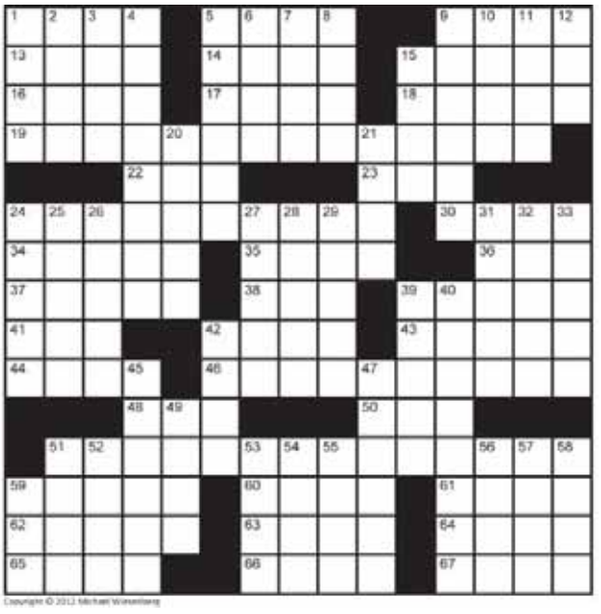

Across
1. _: ___.: state west of Minnesota (2 wds.)
5. Chilled, as tea
9. Big smile
13. Trumpet or bugle
14. Connecting point
15. Angered
16. "Moi aussi" (2 wds. minus one O)
17. "Sad to say..."
18. Fortune teller's deck
19. BC city on north bank of the Fraser, in same metro area as 51-Across (2 wds.)
22. Copy
23. "Yessir"
24. Canada's largest province's capital (2 wds.)
30. MDs
34. Store event (2 wds)
35. Big fusses
36. Doubled, a dance
37. Heads: Fr.
38. Life story, for short
39. Internal-combustion engine
41. "Raggedy" doll
42. Wipe (up)
43. Go out with ___: end noticeably (2 wds.)
44. Aussie hoppers, familiarly
46. Largest southern Alberta city
48. Can. neighbor
50. Perform
51. Suburb of BC's largest city, directly across Burrard Inlet from that city, and part of its metro area (2 wds.)
59. "Tell ___ I Love Her": 1960 teenage tragedy hit
60. *Return of the Jedi* forest dweller
61. Je t'___: "I love you" (Fr.)
62. Aquatic mammal
63. *Scream* star Campbell
64. Mounties, briefly
65. Like a busybody
66. Pre-1917 Russian leader
67. "For" votes

Down
1. Ankle-to-knee bone
2. Be overly fond
3. "Pretty maids in ___" (2 wds.)
4. Can be understood
5. "Right away!" (3 wds.)
6. Equine youngster
7. Red-wrapped cheese
8. ___ Arnaz: Lucille Ball's husband
9. Prepared parmesan
10. Hard-to-find
11. "Do ___ else!": parent's threat (2 wds.)
12. Aerialist's "insurance"
15. Teeny
20. Fencing swords
21. Negative votes
24. Abu Dhabi neighbour whose capital is Doha
25. "We ___ MSG": restaurant claim (2 wds.)
26. "Jack Sprat could ___ fat ..." (2 wds.)
27. Broadcast alternative
28. Numskull
29. Canine or bicuspid
31. Eightsome
32. Cheech's partner
33. Beetle Bailey's nemesis
39. Explorer ___ Polo
40. Newspaper item recording a death
42. Yawn-inducing
45. BC's second-largest city, in the same metro area as 51-Across
47. Broadway "angel"
49. Our sun, say
51. Canada joined this mutual defense org. in 1949
52. Ins and ___
53. Air passageway
54. Stuns
55. ___ Scotia
56. "Miami ___" : Don Johnson show or movie based on it
57. Actress Watson of Harry Potter movies
58. Salesmen, for short
59. Horror film star Chaney

Yesterday's Crossword

What's online

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

3					8		9	
			3	7			2	
	1		2					7
	6	4		5				
2			8		1			4
				6		9	5	
1					7		3	
	9			4	6			
	2		9					1

Yesterday's Sudoku

Weather

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAX: -4° MIN: -6°	MAX: 2° MIN: -6°	MAX: 1° MIN: -1°

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